depending upon the budget allocations during the Five Year Plans and also by hiring from the various agencies like CWC/SWC/State Government and Private parties. For storage of foodgrains procured for the Central Pool, Food Corporation of India has a total storage capacity of 31.09 million tonnes (owned/Hired/covered & CAP) against the total stocks of 28.94 million tonnes all over the country as on 1.3.2001.

Finance Minister in his Budget Speech has announced extension of credit linked subsidy scheme for construction of cold storage for perishable commodities to cover rural godowns.

Failure of Krasnopol ammunition shells

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Krasnopol laser guided ammunition shells failed during the Kargil conflict as its accuracy varies missing the targets by atleast 10 kilometres; and

(b) if so, the reasons for its induction involving an expenditure of Rs. 150 crores?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Krasnopol ammunition was not used during the Kargil conflict.

(b) Krasnopol ammunition is a laser guided system, inducted into service to engage high value targets. This ammunition has been inducted after necessary successful trial evaluations.